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PASS TREASURY FOR CUSTOMS

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TAGS: ETRD, UK

SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

REF: (A) STATE 4584; (B) STATE 5142; (C)ZIEZNITZ/

UNDERWOOD LETTERS OF JANUARY 16, 1975

1. CUSTOMS ATTACHES AND EMBOFF DISCUSSED COUNTER-  
VAILING DUTIES COMPLAINTS PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL  
REGISTER ON FLOATING GLASS AND STEEL PRODUCTS FROM UK  
WITH MRS. ENID JONES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMERCIAL  
RELATIONS AND EXPORT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE  
(DOT). DURING THE VERY CORDIAL MEETING MRS. JONES  
AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH COPIES OF ALL PERTINENT  
REGULATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE BOUNTIES OR GRANTS  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHE ALSO AGREED TO CONTACT THE  
TWO COMPANIES INVOLVED, PILKINGTON GLASS AND BRITISH  
STEEL CORP., AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COOPERATE.

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2. SHE HAD SEVERAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOR WHICH WE

REQUEST ANSWERS ASAP:

A. IF TREASURY SHOULD DECIDE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ARE TO BE ASSESSED, WHEN WOULD THEY COME INTO FORCE -- AT THE END OF THE SECOND 6-MONTH PERIOD OR AT A LATER DATE TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY?

B. WILL COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BE ASSESSED RETROACTIVELY ON BOUNTIES OR GRANTS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THE PAST OR WILL THEY ONLY APPLY TO BOUNTIES AND GRANTS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT?

C. DOT FEELS VAT REMISSION AND EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT (ECGD) ACTIVITIES ARE EXCLUDED FROM CONSIDERATION IN THESE COMPLAINTS AS THEY ARE COVERED UNDER GATT BUT THEY WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

3. JONES EMPHATICALLY MADE THE POINT THAT DOT WISHED TO BE ON RECORD AS REJECTING WHAT THEY SEE AS USG "ATTACK" ON REGIONAL INCENTIVES. ACCORDING TO JONES HMG SEES REGIONAL INCENTIVES NOT AS EXPORT INCENTIVES BUT AS NECESSARY TOOLS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN POOR AREAS OF THE UK. SHE ADDED THAT SHE FEELS THE /US WITH ITS MANY REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WAS TREADING ON THIN ICE IN "ATTACKING" THESE INCENTIVES.

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